



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raymond J. Beach et al.

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**For : Tapered Laser Rods As A Means
Of Minimizing The Path Length Of
Trapped Barrel Mode Rays**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office action mailed September 21, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: